(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the National Science Congress is being held in Bangalore and Government have already outlined the steps to be taken for moving towards commercialization of the space operations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) With its operational Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has achieved self-sufficiency in launching Indian Remote Sensing (IRS) satellites of mass 1300 kg class to polar orbit.

A capability to launch 1540 kg into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) has already been demonstrated through the first developmental flight of GSLV. With one more developmental flight, GSLV will be ready to launch operational spacecraft of mass 1800 kg into Geosynchronous Transfer Oribt (GTO).

Government has approved the development of a launch vehicle (GSLV-Mk-III) for launch heavier satellites of 4 tonne class mass into GTO by 2007-08.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Indian Science Congress was held in Bangalore during January 3-7, 2003. In the Space summit, which was a part of the Indian Science Congress, a presentation was made on the activities relating to commercialisation of space operations through the Antrix Corporation Limited.

(d) The activities of Antrix Corporation Limited include providing launch services to international customers, satellite and subsystems, marketing of remote sensing products with value-added services, Telemetry, Tracking and Command (TTC) support for foreign satellites for initial and on-orbit support and training & consultancy support.

Row between TRAI and private cellphone companies

*50. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been war between the Telecom Regulatory Authority and private cellphone companies which has virtually crippled functioning of cellphones in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the TRAI issued a show cause notice to mobile service operators for defying the directive issued on the provision of inter-connection facilities to telecom operators providing limited mobility;

(d) if so, whether he had to intervene in settling this issue; and

(e) if so, to what extent the problem has been solved?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Yes, Sir. Since the cellular operators did not comply with the directive of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India within the prescribed time period, show cause notices were issued by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India to them asking the reasons for non-compliance.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The functioning of basic as well as cellular mobile networks has been restored.

Setting up of a nuclear power plant in A.P.

*51. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nagarjuna Sagar and Kavvada in Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh were identified as possible sites for establishing nuclear power station for generating nuclear power for the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government propose to establish nuclear power station in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Nagarjuna